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*Humbly Offer'd for putting Hides and Skins
Curried upon the same Foot upon Exportation,
as Hides or Skins that are Rough and Undrest.*

I. **T**hat by an Act last Sessions for laying a Duty upon Hides and Skins, it is among other Things enacted that rough, or undrest, Hides and Skins are intituled to a Draw-back upon their Exportation.

II. But no Provision is made for allowing a Draw-back upon Hides, or Skins, drest or curried within this Kingdom upon their Exportation.

III. Which is a great Prejudice to the Curriers Trade, and if not remedied will prove the Ruin of them, and a Decrease of the Consumption of Oyl and Tallow, which are used in currying of the said Hides and Skins, the same being the produce of *Great-Britain*, one from Fish caught in the Sea, and the other from fat Cattle.

IV. For several Nations as used to have all their Leather ready curried from *Great-Britain*, are now forced to take it rough and undrest, by reason one is intituled to a Draw-back, and the other is not, the consequence of which is, it puts other Nations upon a necessity of currying their own Leather to save the Duty, one being allowed a Draw-back and the other none.

V. So it is humbly hoped that Hides and Skins ready curried may have the same Liberty of a Draw-back upon Exportation, as rough or undrest Hides and Skins are intituled to, and that Persons abroad as want Hides or Skins ready curried, may not be forced to have them from hence rough or undrest, to curry them in a forreign Country to the ruin of our Workmen, and no advantage either to the Crown, or the Persons concerned in tanning or dressing the same, by reason the Exporter is at liberty to send which he pleases, and as his occasions most requires; all which is humbly submitted to the Justice and Wisdom of this Honourable House.

N. B. That one Hundred Weight of Rough, or Undrest, Hides or Skins when Curried, will lose one Fifth Part of Weight, when Drest or Curried, notwithstanding the increase of Liquor; and that Her Majesty receives the Duty when they are rough or undrest, and if a Draw-back be allowed upon drest or curried Hides, or Skins, there can be no Fraud committed in the Duty by wetting of the Leather upon its Exportation, it being prejudicial to the Leather when drest, and takes off the Beauty of it.

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Draw-back

ON

Curried Leather.

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